
CAISTOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

BRIEF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1947 BY

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TOGETHER WITH THE STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY
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31st December, 1947.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

To the Chairman and Members of the

CAISTOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1947.

HOUSING: During the year 20 Council Houses were completed and 14 Private Houses making 34 in all. At the end of the year 60 Council Houses and 12 Private Houses were under construction.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY: Owing to other heavy commitments progress in this respect has been slow.

A total of 423 houses were categorised in the year ending 31st December, 1947, making a total of 1247 inspected.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL: Parishes urgently requiring sewerage schemes are Tealby, Osgodby, Waddingham, Snitterby, Keelby and Nettleton.

Of these the Tealby scheme was approved during the year by the Ministry of Health and a starting date is awaited.

Schemes for Osgodby, Waddingham, and Snitterby and Keelby are being prepared as a priority measure for submission to the Ministry.

REFUSE COLLECTION: During the year the existing contracts for refuse and night-soil collection have been terminated and a direct labour scheme is now in operation with Council labour and vehicle in the three Parishes Caistor, Nettleton and Keelby.

This service has proved eminently satisfactory and useful data and experience has been gained towards the expansion of this service.

RODENT CONTROL: The Council join with Brigg Urban District Council and Market Rasen Urban District Council in employing a full-time operator.

Much useful work has been done in this sphere especially on control of sewers, sewage works and refuse tips.

GENERAL REMARKS: The large amount of documentation and records required in the execution of duties in connection with Civil Building Control and Town and Country Planning precludes the carrying out of much routine inspection work, that one would like:- cowsheds, shops, food premises, etc.

During the year for example, 492 building licences were issued, and 192 separate applications with deposited plans, etc., were made under the Town and Country Planning Acts.

An additional Sanitary Inspector joined the staff in May, 1947, and much useful work has been completed.

One junior female clerk has been added to the establishment bringing the total to two clerks.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: 172 cases were notified during the year ~~as against 176 in 1946~~ and 383 in 1945.

Measles remained level at 114 cases as against 111 for 1946. Whooping Cough has shown a marked drop over the last three years from 56 in 1945, to 13 in 1946 and only 7 cases in 1947. Scarlet Fever has remained fairly steady at 32 cases as against 29 in 1946. Pneumonia totalled 6 notifications in 1947.

Diphtheria notifications were 6 in number but of these four were children from an Institution all of whom were really nasal carriers and not true cases. None of these had been immunised. The other two cases were adults.

243 children were immunised for the first time during the year.

Re-immunisations amounted to 50.

GENERAL HEALTH: This has remained satisfactory. There were no epidemics of water born diseases.

The routine examinations in the schools revealed no change for the worse in their nutritional state. Skin diseases again showed a decrease.

THE CAISTOR DISTRICT consists of 40 Parishes and covers an area of 119,992 acres. It is entirely agricultural.

Population 1921 Census - 12,670.

Population 1931 Census - 12,648.

The rateable value of the District on the 1st April, 1947, was £29,361 and the product of the penny rate £170/9/3d. for the year ending 31st March, 1948.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1947.

Total Live Births	...	...	...	...	...	...	229
Birth Rate: per 1,000 estimated	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.648
resident population mid 1947.							
Rate: per 1,000 total (Live and Still)	...						19.055
Death Rate: per 1,000 estimated average population							11.726
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age							12

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.

Puerperal Sepsis.	0
Other Puerperal Causes	0
T o t a l.	<u>0</u>

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	52.401
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	...				47.393
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births					111.111

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	17
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	--
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...		--
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...			1

WATER SUPPLY FROM MAINS BELONGING TO THE
COUNCIL.

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Population.</u>	<u>Supplied.</u>	
		<u>Houses.</u>	<u>Population.</u>
Caistor	1486	435	1472
Bigby	211	16	77
Grasby.	351	85	310
Nth. Kelsey.	840	171	709
Sth. Kelsey.	469	81	316
Searby.	189	29	113
Osgodby.	451	97	390
Owersby.	396	56	298
West Rasen.	182	20	89
Toft Newton.	133	19	114
Buslingthorpe.	93	15	59
Nettleton.	500	70	280

PARISHES SUPPLIED BY THE MARKET RASEN WATER COMPANY.

				<u>Standpipes Population supplied.</u>	<u>Total Houses & Population supplied.</u>
Tealby	477	163	460	Nil.	163 - 460.
Middle Rasen.	808	110	360	54 - 414.	164 - 808

PRIVATE SUPPLY.

Holton-le-Moor.	192	54	189	Nil.	54 - 189.
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BROCKLESBY ESTATE SUPPLY.

Limber	445	14	174	10 - 165.	125 - 339.
Brocklesby	234	30	234	Nil.	30 - 234.

WATER SUPPLIES: In addition to the piped water supplies to parishes listed previously 40 houses in Walesby Parish, 30 in Claxby, about 13 in Normanby-le-Wold and 10 in Kirmond-le-Mire, and 12 in Somerby are on privately run piped supplies.

A certain number of houses in the small parish of Swinhope are also on a piped supply.

In addition to the above many farmers have installed their own piped supplies from springs to their farms and tied cottages.

During the year the installation of a piped supply from the Council's system was commenced to the parishes of Claxby and Normanby-le-Wold.

Approximately half the population of the Rural District are now on a piped supply of water. The supply of water in the parishes of Tealby and Middle Rasen has not been satisfactory. The supply has been intermittent at times, and the pressure is always low. The Market Rasen Water Company supply these parishes.

The Council's post-war schemes to supply the whole of the District with mains water has been approved by the Ministry of Health. The laying of 32 miles of main with adjoining works at a cost of approximately £100,000 has been sanctioned, the work to commence early in 1948.

At a conservative estimate, this will in 13 months provide piped water for the parishes of Cabourne, Swallow, Rothwell, Riby, Keelby, Limber, Glentham, Bishop Norton, Snitterby and Waddington.

This will mean that 30 of the 40 Parishes will have a piped water supply and about 88% of the population will live in Parishes thus supplied. This does not include the privately owned piped supplies in most of the smaller parishes.

Only one routine bacteriological and chemical test was made during the year which was quite satisfactory. 32 other samples were taken from wells.

Laboratory Facilities.

Examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, St. Edmund's Chambers, Bank Street, Lincoln.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin, Anti-typhoid Serum, and Scarlet Fever Streptococcus Anti-toxin are supplied by the District Council.

Ambulance Facilities.

(a) For Infectious Cases. A motor ambulance is provided by the North East Lindsey Joint Hospital Board.

(b) For Non-Infectious and Accident Cases. An agreement has been made with the Corporation of Grimsby for the removal of patients, subject to certain conditions. This agreement has proved very satisfactory.

SUMMARY (for reference) OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Nursing in the Home.

As in previous reports.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

As in previous reports.

Hospitals - Isolation.

The North East Lindsey Joint Hospital Board isolates the whole of the infectious Diseases for the District.
Smallpox Hospital at Osgodby.

Midwifery and Maternity Services.

Administered by the Lindsey County Council.

Health Visitors.

The duties of the above are performed through the Lindsey County Council.

Infant Life Protection.

The duties of the above are performed through the Lindsey County Council.

Arrangements for Dental, Orthopaedic, etc., cases by the Lindsey County Council.

Registration of Nursing-Homes by the Lindsey County Council.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN CAISTOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1947.

(CIVILIANS ONLY).

Causes of Death.	Male.	Female.
All Causes	70	74
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	-	-
2. Cerebro Spinal Fever.	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever.	-	-
4. Whooping Cough.	-	-
5. Diphtheria.	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.	1	4
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis.	-	-
8. Syphilitic.	-	-
9. Influenza.	-	-
10. Measles.	-	-
11. Ac. Polio-Myelitis and Polioencephalitis.	-	-
12. Ac. Inf. Encephalitis.	-	-
13. Cancer of Buc. Cav. and Oesoph Uterus.	-	2
14. Cancer of Stomach, Duodenum.	2	3
15. Cancer of Breast.	-	1
16. Cancer of all other sites.	5	4
17. Diabetes.	2	1
18. Inter-Cranial Vascular Lesions.	6	8
19. Heart Disease.	22	21
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	4	1
21. Bronchitis.	3	2
22. Pneumonia.	4	4
23. Other Respiratory Diseases.	3	-
24. Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum.	-	-
25. Diarrhoea, under two years.	-	1
26. Appendicitis.	-	-
27. Other Digestive Diseases.	1	1
28. Nephritis.	2	1
29. Puerperal and Post. Abort. Sepsis.	-	-
30. Other Maternal Causes.	-	-
31. Premature Birth.	2	3
32. Con. Mal. Birth Inj. Infant Disease.	1	2
33. Suicide.	2	2
34. Road Traffic Accidents.	-	-
35. Other violent Causes.	3	2
36. All other causes.	7	11

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

PARTICULARS OF INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

<u>Infectious Diseases.</u>	<u>1947.</u>
Investigations.	32
Revisits.	-
Visits re contacts.	-
<u>Verminous Premises.</u>	
Inspected.	7
Re-inspections.	2
<u>Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts).</u>	
Houses inspected.	70
Houses re-inspected.	10
<u>Council House Management.</u>	230
<u>Houses categorized under Survey.</u>	423
<u>New Buildings - Inspections.</u>	124
<u>Inspections re overcrowding.</u>	61
<u>Inspections in relation to Food.</u>	
Bakehouses	7
Cowsheds.	107
Food Premises.	3
Ice Cream Premises.	6
<u>General Sanitation.</u>	
Accumulations.	25
Refuse Collection.	21
Drainage, including tests.	300
Factories Act (Sections 1-8).	21
Water supply.	70
Water samples.	33
Yard pavings.	10
Other nuisances.	6
Dangerous buildings.	5
<u>Moveable Dwellings (including squatters).</u>	13
<u>Unsound Food.</u>	13
<u>Totals.</u>	<u>1,599</u>

In conclusion I wish to convey to you my thanks for the support and kindly consideration which you have given to me in the work of the Public Health Department. I am also grateful for the helpful co-operation received from the Sanitary Inspector, and Water Department and the clerical staff.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
1947 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF CAISTOR IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.Prescribed particulars on the administration
of the Factories Act, 1937.

- 1.
- INSPECTIONS
- for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises. (1)	M/c lino No. (2)	Number on Register. (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices. (5)	Occupiers prosecuted. (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities....	1	8	3	Nil.	Nil.
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies. (a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of enforcement) Order, 1938.	2	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(b) Others.....	3	34	26	Nil.	Nil.
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
T O T A L.		42	29	Nil.	Nil.

2. CASES IN WHICH
- DEFECTS
- WERE FOUND.

Sanitary conveniences (S.7)	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remodied.</u>
(a) insufficient	Two.	One.
(Remainder of items N i l).		

<u>OUTWORK</u> (Sections 110 and 111).	-	N i l.
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